

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Nearly one million students receive secondary agricultural education in United States public

schools; and

WHEREAS: More than 21,000 Minnesota students receive secondary agricultural education, with 10,826 of

those being members of the Minnesota FFA Organization; and

WHEREAS: More than 650 agricultural educators teach in over 200 public middle schools, high schools, post-

secondary institutions, and Farm Business Management programs in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: There is a nationwide teacher shortage in agricultural education, and many agricultural education

programs suffer from the lack of qualified teachers; and

WHEREAS: Agricultural educators contribute to strong and effective education in public schools; and

WHEREAS: The dedication and quality teaching of agricultural educators can positively impact our students'

growth and future; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators, on behalf of the National Council for

Agricultural Education, is celebrating National Teach Ag Day on September 21, 2017, as one

component of the National Teach $\mbox{\sc Ag}$ Campaign; and

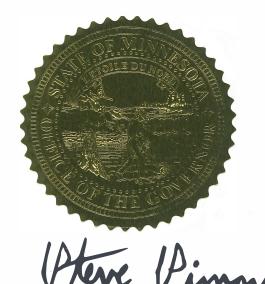
WHEREAS: The goal of National Teach Ag Day is to have every agricultural educator in America encourage

their students to consider a career in agricultural education.

 $NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK \ DAYTON, Governor \ of \ Minnesota, do \ hereby \ proclaim \ Thursday, September \ 21, 2017, as:$

TEACH AGRICULTURE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this $20^{th}\,\mathrm{day}$ of September.

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SECRETARY OF STATE